



## **Fayette County to Participate In Severe Weather Awareness Week**

**February 3-7, 2014**

**Fayette County, Georgia, January 27, 2014** - the Fayette County Department of Fire and Emergency Services in partnership with the National Weather Service and the Georgia Emergency Management Agency would like to inform all residents that February 3-7, 2014 is Severe Weather Week. During this week, Fayette County residents should take the time to discuss with their families the importance of preparing and planning for severe weather. Also, it is a good time for all businesses, daycare centers and assisted living communities to develop and test their current plan of action for severe weather.

As part of Severe Weather Awareness Week, Fayette County will participate in the statewide severe weather warning system drill. On Wednesday, February 5<sup>th</sup> at **Approximately** 09:00 a.m. there will be a test that will be broadcasted over all NOAA weather radios. During that time, to ensure the Fayette County siren system is functioning correctly, the 911 Center will sound the severe weather sirens during the drill just as they have in the past years. If severe weather threatens on Wednesday, February 5<sup>th</sup> the drill will be moved to Friday, February 7<sup>th</sup> at 09:15 am.

**IMPORTANT!!!** Please pass this information on to your neighbors, employees and family members to inform them that this is only a test in conjunction with the statewide tornado drill and Severe Weather Awareness Week. Please do not call 911 to ask questions about the sirens. Only call 911 if you have an emergency.

Fayette County has made significant strides in preparing for and warning the public in times of severe weather. Fayette County has 28 severe weather warning sirens throughout the county; these sirens are located in some of the most vulnerable and densely populated areas of the county to ensure that adequate severe warnings are issued to our community.

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